

## Community Warehouse Repairs Water Damage to Estate Store after Clark Lumber Fire



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When we learned on the evening of July 31 that longtime business and valued neighbor Clark Lumber/True Value Hardware had lost their building to a fire, we were shocked and deeply saddened. As next-door neighbors, we made regular trips to Clark's and our staff members and volunteers got to know the owners and employees well. Community Warehouse Program Director Jeff Freeman explained, "They

were always incredibly helpful and kind-hearted, offering us a hand to find just what we needed for our next project or furniture repair."

Our hats off to the firefighters who worked tirelessly and skillfully to put out the flames. They protected our building throughout the duration of the fire by spraying our west wall with water to prevent leaping flames from catching fire to building. In this process, unfortunately, we did receive considerable water damage to our Estate Store located on the west side of the building. We have completely removed all merchandise and carpeting, and our restoration team is working diligently to get our store back up and running as soon as possible. We plan to celebrate the re-opening of our store in early September. Please

stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for further updates.

Thankfully, the furniture bank portion of our building did not receive water damage, and the restoration professionals were able to eliminate all smoke residue in the air. We re-opened our doors for donations and families in need on Saturday, August 6.

Since we first arrived in Tualatin nearly four and a half years ago, we have been humbled by the generosity and comradery of this small local community. We thank you for your support as we continue to get our feet back under us, and our hearts go out to the Clark family for their significant loss.



Community Warehouse Estate Store area with all merchandise and carpeting removed.

We are always in need of volunteers: [communitywarehouse.org/volunteer](http://communitywarehouse.org/volunteer). If you would like to make a financial contribution, please visit: [communitywarehouse.org/make-a-gift](http://communitywarehouse.org/make-a-gift).

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